

St. Ann Parish, located in the area of 14th and Locust Streets, began in 1876 and closed in 2012. In its first years, under the leadership of Rev. Michael Quinlan, mass was conducted in the chapel of Saint Ann's Orphanage. Soon a small church and two room school were built. Later, Father John McCabe replaced Rev. Quinlan. Under both priests St. Ann struggled. Then, on July 3, 1885, a new priest, Rev. John Ryves, was installed. He was able to do what the first two priests had been unable to do.

St. Ann Parish thrived and a rectory was added, but then the church burned beyond use. With money from insurance and generous donors a new church was built on the same site. By the beginning of the new century, Father Ryves' congregation had grown to 750. Wanting to build a cathedral, Rev. Ryves purchased more land at 14th and Locust. Because his membership continued to grow, it became obvious that a new school needed to be built. By late 1905 construction began on a yellow brick building. The first floor was to be a four room school and the second floor was a 500 occupancy worship space.

By 1920 St. Ann was the largest Catholic Church in Terre Haute with a membership of 1,845. To relieve overcrowding, Father Ryves' assistant, Father Aloysius Duffy, was given the task of leading a new parish in Twelve Points named Sacred Heart. Rev. Ryves retired in 1924 and passed away in 1933.

St. Ann parish struggled to stay afloat during the depression and had a string of several pastors. It wasn't until 1944, when Father James Hickey came, that the congregation was able to raise enough funds to make improvements to the church and school, build a new rectory and convent, and pay all debts. In 1950, the church was given permission to build a new church and rectory.

Yet times change and in 2012 the decision was made to close St. Ann for good. Many parishes around Terre Haute received items that honor the memory of St. Ann Parish. The altar lamp and several other artifacts were brought to the Vigo County Historical Society to save for posterity. This lamp will be on exhibit in the Arts & Entertainment exhibit when the Historical Museum opens later this summer.

lex, Charles Daugherty and James Fagan.

Banns of marriage were called between the following couples: Paul Byrne Terhorst, Mary Elizabeth Baier; Walter Flak, Anna Puller; Charles Mulhearn, Anna Haggin; James Quinlan, Frances Rowe; Raymond Leonard, Maxine Scofield.

The male choir of St. Joseph's Church made up of twelve voices has received recognition for its fine singing of liturgical music and equally credited is the young ladies' choir. Miss Shirley Armstrong is organist and Frank Hanley is director.

### ST. BENEDICT'S HAS LONG RECORD OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Terre Haute's second oldest Catholic Parish is St. Benedict's, located at Ninth and Ohio streets. It was established in 1864 and grew from a small group of German Catholics who desired a church of their own.

Guiding the early destiny of this church were the Benedictine Fathers. The success of this church is largely due to the untiring labors of these zealous priests.

The parish is now in charge of the Franciscan Fathers of the Order of Minor Conventuals, who have administered to the spiritual needs of their congregation for many years. The Very Rev. Leonard Reich, O. M. C., who served as pastor from 1889 to 1892, is still enjoying fair health at the age of 94. His residence is in Rensselaer, N. Y.

Although misfortune, in the form of a conflagration, destroyed the interior of the beautiful edifice some years ago, the people and their pastor rebuilt the church until now it serves one of the largest congregations in the city. A difficulty of long standing has been the acoustical defect of the structure. Intellectual parts of the church have been due in part to the echoes and reverberation of voice sounds. During the past year an improvement of unexpected proportions has been effected through the installation of a Messner super-pulpit. This patented acoustical pulpit is equipped with a special sounding board of decorative cast-iron, an electrical amplification consisting of microphone and amplifier, and two microphones installed near the altar which operate through the amplifier in the pulpit. By the use of this instrument, both in pulpit and at the altar, maximum intelligibility has been achieved throughout the church.

The Rev. Theodore Eickholtz, O. M. C., is the present pastor of the church. Assisting him is the Rev. Lucian Harkins, O. M. C.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH SCHOOL SERVES SOUTHEAST.

On Sept. 9, 1940, St. Patrick's Parochial School opened its doors to 225 pupils. Thereby began the fifty-ninth scholastic year with eighty-five more students than in the first opening of the school in 1882. Numbers of pupils, however, is scarcely a fair comparison to make between the time of the school's inception and its present status. For as the city has grown and changed in two generations, so likewise have parish boundaries been changed and in the status of St. Patrick's have been diminished. During other years of its existence its student body has totaled even more than two hundred and twenty-five.

The first parochial school building was erected for St. Patrick's

Parish on a plot of ground adjoining the site bought for St. Patrick's Parish plant. The original building was erected to the east of the church at Thirteenth and Poplar by the Sisters of the Providence. Dedicated in 1882, the building was devoted to the educational needs of Catholic children in the southeast section of the growing city. The Rev. Thomas Logan was pastor, succeeded by the Rev. D. J. McMullen in 1883, who was followed by the Rev. Victor Schnell in 1885.

After eight years increased attendance rendered more space so imperative that Father Schnell erected another building and added to the old school. St. Patrick's High School was opened in 1893. It was continued and enlarged in the new building under the leadership of the Rev. James Delaney in 1923.

Although its territory was lessened by the erection of Saint Margaret-Mary's in 1921, yet Saint Patrick's grew in numbers; many of its families moved into the newly developed sections in the eastern part of the city. The center of population of the parish set itself east of the old location of the church. It became more inconvenient for the children to attend school at Thirteenth Street. The best interests of the parish required a more central location for its buildings.

In 1923 the Rev. James B. Delaney, who was appointed pastor in 1920, after the death of Father Schnell in 1919, purchased the extensive grounds from Nineteenth and Poplar, south to Oak Street. Here he planned the erection of the new Saint Patrick's. He erected the school in 1923 and the sisters' residence shortly after. But the combined circumstances of debt and depression left the erection of the church and rectory to a future generation. Father Delaney died in 1937.

The new school is a building of which the parish may well be proud. From 1923 to 1937 it housed the parish high school and grade school and now since 1937 houses the inter-parochial project, Central Catholic High School and Saint Patrick's grade school. Of Gothic architecture, the school is a fireproof structure, embodying all the features required by modern education in conformity with the state code. The main entrance to the building is from Nineteenth Street. There are other entrances, one at the north, and the other at the south of the building. The floors of the corridors and stairs are terrazzo.

The first floor includes a gymnasium, kitchen and rooms designed for meetings. The upper floors are comprised of spacious corridors on either side of which are large well lighted classrooms. The administrative offices are on the second floor. A well stocked library is on the third floor. Here, too, besides four large classrooms is the children's chapel, instituted by the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Fintan Walker, who succeeded Father Delaney in 1937. In the children's chapel every morning at 8 o'clock, the pupils have the privilege of attending divine services before starting the school work of the day.

All classrooms are ventilated with indirect unit ventilators. The equipment generally embodies the most progressive ideas in school accessories. The primary department is furnished in home-like style with tables and chairs. The classroom floors are finished natural, sealed and waxed.

The Rev. Fintan Walker, Ph. R., a pastor and school superintendent, Sister Clementia is principal, assisted by the faculty, Sister Marie Monica, Sister Agnes Celeste, Sister Theresa Louise, Sister Mary Hilda, Sister Hermine. Sister Paula is in charge of the music department.

### ST. ANN'S CHURCH HISTORY DATES FROM RECORDS OF 1876.

The first entry in St. Ann's parish records is dated Aug. 10, 1876, and is over the signature of the Rev. M. Quinlan, who on that day administered the first sacrament of baptism in the parish to John Cassidy. Father Quinlan was the first priest in charge of the nucleus of what was later to be the flourishing parish of St. Ann.

In March of the following year, 1877, the well remembered zealous and genial Rev. M. M. McEvoy of St. Joseph's Church was placed in charge of the Mission of St. Ann, and continued in the pastorate until October of 1878 when he was succeeded by the Rev. John McCabe, the first resident pastor of St. Ann's parish.

In August of 1885 Father McCabe was transferred to a parish in Davis County, Indiana, and was replaced by the Rev. John Ryves, coming from the pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Ind.

Father Ryves will long be remembered by all of the members of St. Ann's parish, for during his long pastorate it grew to its present proportions. All of the present buildings, the church and school, the rectory, auditorium and Sisters' convent, replacing some of the older buildings, were built or acquired by Father Ryves. Father Ryves was a man of great mental gifts and an eloquent speaker who exercised a great influence upon the lives of his parishioners, and owing to his interest in civic affairs, upon the city at large. He was greatly beloved by his own flock and had many non-Catholic friends who admired his mental gifts, his genial and warm-hearted interest in his neighbors.

After completing the present auditorium, which was to be the foundation and base of a greater edifice to be dedicated to the service of God under the patronage of St. Ann, his declining health forced him to resign his charge in the year 1928 after a long and useful pastorate of forty-three years. After his resignation he lived for four years among the people he had served so long and so faithfully.

The Rev. Joseph Duffy succeeded Father Ryves in July of 1928, but his pastorate was of short duration. He died March 7, 1932, four months before the death of his predecessor. Short as was his pastorate, it was long enough to cause deep sorrow at his passing. He, too, possessed those qualities of mind and heart of a great and good pastor and won the respect and love of all who knew him.

The present incumbent in the pastorate of St. Ann's parish, the Rev. Clement J. Thienes, succeeded Father Duffy, Sept. 1, 1932, coming from St. Margaret Mary's parish (Terre Haute) where he was pastor from the founding of that parish in 1926.

A debt of gratitude is due to the teaching order of the Sisters of the Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, from St. Ann's parish and from all of the other Catholic parishes in the city. These teachers have taught in the Parochial schools all the years these schools have existed. The high standing of our schools is due to

their efficient and zealous St. Ann's Grade School children in attendance.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH IS CENTER OF NORTH SIDE PARISH.

The place of the Sacred Heart parish among the established parishes of Terre Haute is not new to anyone who has made a study of its development, particularly recent development. The Sacred Heart parish is numerically and territorially the largest in Terre Haute.

The realization of the dream the Catholics of North Terre Haute came to pass when in 1928 his excellency, the late Bishop Chandler, founded the parish of the Sacred Heart. At that time plans were made for the erection of a present combination building, church, school and parish hall.

In the early part of the scholastic year the church properly underwent a complete renovation. Work began first in the church. The altar was remodeled and made liturgical. A new deep wine color velvet drapery has been hung back it. An imitation canopy gives appearance of greater depth to niche in which the altar is placed. The panels at each side of the altar have been decorated and in center of each is an eight-day sanctuary lamp. The new carpet deeper in tone than the drapery. The entire church has been painted two-tone light buff. The floors polished. The radiators have been repainted a light buff and each a mahogany-stained steel shield. All the lights have been cleaned, the fixtures gilded. The old linoleum has been removed and in place there is a mottled garr brown inlaid linoleum inlaid squares. The entire school has been painted on the inside and all woodwork revarnished.

It is of special interest to the various organizations affiliated with the N. C. C. W. Catholic Action Movement. The High School Students' Club, which is in need of a Catholic Evidence Guild, has notable and interested members. The Young People's Club, which pre-eminently social, directs the interests and the entertainments of the young people who are out of the young school and who have entered college or who are engaged in business world.

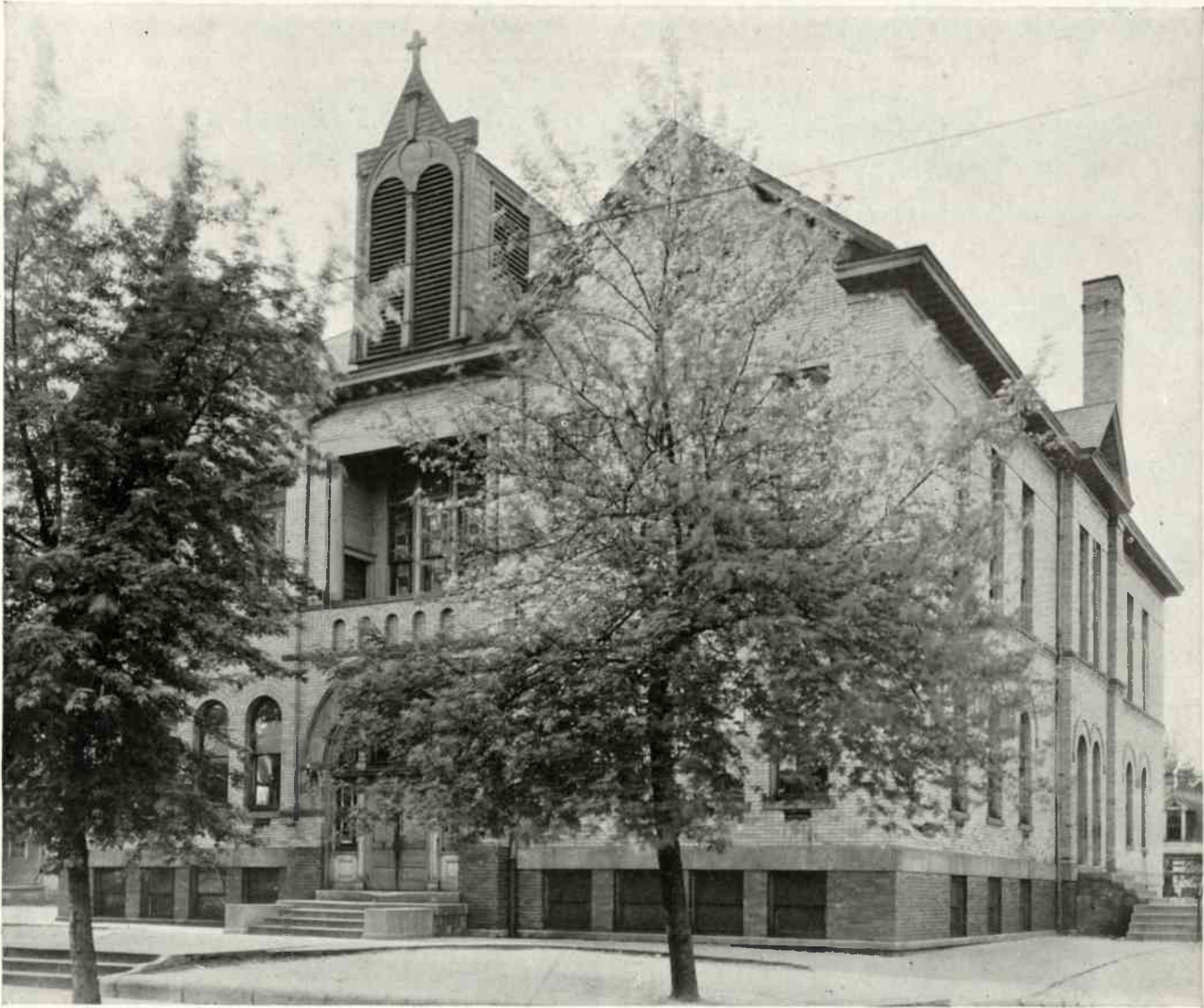
The Ladies' Altar Society is one of the most useful organizations of the parish. All the ladies of the parish are eligible for membership. The society has the privilege of providing for the sanctuary sacristy needs. The periodic sales provide the society with revenue needed for the upkeep of the altar.

The Mothers' Club was founded in the Fall of 1939. Its members include the mothers of the present and the former pupils. The scope of the club is limited to activity for the financial benefit of the school. Twice last year the Mothers' club presented the sisters with a check for \$50.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society which attends to the needs of poor in the parish, has done creditable work.

Lastly the parent organization all the Parochial Catholic Action Movements, the National Council of Catholic Women, was organized last year and is functioning admirably.

The Rev. James McBarron is



## History of St. Ann's Church

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St. Ann's parish was organized in 1876. It comprised the Northeast section of the city and was established to accommodate the families residing North of Chestnut Street. It consists of about 350 families.

The first parish, the Reverend Michael Quinlan relinquished his duties in 1877. On February 1, 1878, the Reverend John McCabe was ordained, and on that very day, was placed in charge of the parish. He remained until July 1885, when the Reverend John Ryves was appointed the third pastor, coming here from the pastorate of St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Ind. Father Ryves continued his labors until 1928 having been rector of the parish for 43 years.

The first church, a frame structure 35 x 75 feet, was built in 1876. The church was removed from its first site on the corner of 14th and Locust Street to 14½ and Locust streets and was there enlarged. This work was done in 1890. The present rectory was built in 1893.

In 1894, the church was destroyed by fire and was immediately replaced by a large structure. At this time a new parochial school was built and the Sisters of Providence were placed in charge. In 1908 a large combination church and school was erected at the cost of \$50,000.00. In 1915, a fund for a new church was begun. Eleven years later the spacious basement of this structure was completed, and at present it is used as an auditorium.

After Father Ryves' retirement, he was succeeded in July 1928 by the Rev. Joseph Duffey, who served the parish until his death in March, 1932.

On September 1, 1932, the vacancy caused by Father Duffey's death was filled by the transfer of the Rev. Clement J. Thienes, first pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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## DEDICATION OF SAINT ANN'S

Archbishop Schulte  
Will Preside At the  
Exercises In June  
5-3-53

By Edward J. Cox,  
of Yeager Architects.

On November 1, 1952, the Glenn W. North Construction Company broke ground for a new church and rectory for St. Ann's Parish. Since that time they have been joined by the Sunbeam Electric Company and D. J. Pfleging & Son Plumbing Company, to erect what will soon be the long-awaited dream of parishioners.

The new building is located on Locust street and is centered on Fourteenth and One-half street. The mechanical equipment is housed in a basement which is under the sanctuary with access to it from the rectory. The rest of the building is on a double concrete slab placed on grade. A combination of radiant and convected heat is used in both portions of the building. A new boiler has recently been added in the school, and it is from this boiler that the new building draws its heat.

The church is of masonry construction with aluminum window frames and aluminum entrance doors. The interior masonry is a combination of concrete block and concrete brick. The front of the church is of glass and Indiana limestone, and the sides are built of brick. Above all this rises an aluminum spire approximately thirty feet high.

The windows in the church portion are heat-absorbent Fine-Tex glass. The ceiling is made up of massive wooden arches, purplins and wood decking. All wood will be finished with stain and varnish. The ceiling's finish will be close to the wood's natural color. The pews and all other wood trim is walnut stain, either varnished or lacquered. On each side of the main entrance of the church there are rooms. The one on the right as you enter will be beautifully decorated and dedicated as a shrine to St. Ann. The room on the left as you enter will be used as a baptis-

tistry. This is an innovation in the Catholic churches of Terre Haute. It will afford a place for parents, who have young children, and with the insulated viewing glass and speaker they still will be able to take part in all the services. Also found in this portion of the church are a lavatory and a telephone booth.

The main floor of the church will seat over five hundred. The choir will seat over fifty people in seats similar to those used in the main portion of the church. Preparations are being made to install a sound system which can be used for sound transmission in the church and can also be used to sound bells at various times of the day.

The rectory is of brick veneer construction and contains the living space for the assigned priest. Also in this area of the new building are the administration offices of St. Ann's Parish. It is hoped that sometimes during the month of June Archbishop Paul C. Schulte will be able to come to Terre Haute for dedication services.

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## Start Work On New St. Ann Church Nov. 1

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Work will start next Saturday on construction of a new St. Ann Church at Locust and Fourteenth and One-half streets.

To seat 500 persons, the brick building with stone facade will be of contemporary design.

Rev. James A. Hickey, pastor of the church, said a rectory will be built on the back of the new church and the present rectory will become the convent for the Sisters of Providence, who teach in the parochial school.

Space taken by the present chapel in the school building will be converted to classrooms to meet the problem of increasing enrollment.

The parish will continue to rent the basement of a church started several years ago on the west side of Fourteenth street, across from the rectory. A clothing company uses the space at this time.

Property east of the present church and school building was acquired for the new building so that the parish facilities all will be in one unit without the problem of school children crossing a busy street to attend church services.

The new building will be 60 feet in width and 118 feet in length, including the rectory, which will be 104 feet in length along the back.

Interior of the church will be a combination of lightweight building block and brick. Windows will be of the cathedral type, bluish green glass. At the back will be a choir loft seating 130 people.

Father Hickey emphasized that the structure is designed for the convenience of the people and is without steps so there is no problem for elderly persons who cannot climb steps.

A feature inside will be a "cry room" for parents with infants. Windows and a loud speaker in the room make it possible for the parents to continue to see and hear mass.

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## St. Ann Church Cornerstone Laid By Archbishop

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The 77-year-old St. Ann parish in Terre Haute laid the cornerstone for a new church in ceremonies Sunday afternoon at Fourteenth and One-half and Locust streets.

Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, archbishop of Indianapolis, presided at the program, blessing the foundation and portal of the partially erected building.

Five priests who are natives of the parish participated in the cornerstone ceremony.

They are Maj. Joseph Casey, chaplain at Wichita Air Force Base; Rev. Paul Utz, Rev. James Dede and Rev. William Vollmuth, all of Indianapolis, and Rev. James O'Conner of Washington, Ind.

The archbishop led the Litany of All Saints before a temporary altar in the new church.

After the cornerstone was put

into place, the congregation moved into the present church on the second floor of St. Ann School for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. James Moore, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Indianapolis, and assistant pastor of St. Ann Church 25 years ago.

Honored guests included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Dugan, chancellor of the archdiocese; the Rev. John Casey and the Rev. James Galvin, superintendent and assistant superintendent of schools, respectively, of the archdiocese, and the Rev. Paul Courtney, assistant editor of the Indiana Catholic.

Chaplains for the most reverend archbishop were the Rev. James McBarron, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, and the Rev. Joseph Beechem, superintendent of the new Schulte High School, now under construction. Father Beechem replaced the Rev. Bruno Lindenmaier, O. F. M. C., pastor of St. Benedict's parish, who was ill and unable to attend.

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# Award Contracts For New School, St. Ann Church

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By George Diehl.

Contracts for the construction of the new coeducational Catholic High School and the new St. Ann Church have been awarded and work on the two projects will begin at once, according to announcement Saturday.

The high school contracts were awarded at a meeting in Indianapolis and announcement of their awarding was received by Catholic clergy here from the Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte, archbishop of Indianapolis.

Rev. James A. Hickey, pastor of St. Ann Church, announced the awarding of the new church contracts.

The Wilhelm Construction Company of Indianapolis was awarded the general contract for the building of the high school. The electrical contract went to the B-A Company, Inc., of Terre Haute, and the contract for heating, plumbing and ventilating was awarded to the Prox and Burget Company of Terre Haute.

The general contract for the construction of the new St. Ann Church was awarded to the Glenn W. North Construction Company of Terre Haute. The Sunbeam Electric Company of Terre Haute was awarded the electrical contract and the plumbing and heating work at the new church will be done by D. J. Pfleging and Sons of Terre Haute.

To have a capacity of 500 students, the new high school building will be set back 150 feet from Ohio boulevard, measuring 276 feet along the front and 165 feet to the back.

On the ground floor will be administration offices, laboratories of home economics, biology, physics, chemistry and industrial arts, music and commerce rooms, a cafeteria and kitchen and showers and locker rooms adjacent to the gymnasium and auditorium stage.

There will be 10 all purpose classrooms on the second floor, plus a library with work room, supply room, toilets and organizational meeting room.

Having a folding bleacher capacity of 1,500, the gymnasium will have the finest basketball playing space in the city, according to the designers, Yeager Architects. There will be 30 feet of clear height above the floor.

The auditorium floor will provide space to seat 1,000 persons in folding chairs during showing of stage events.

On ground between Twenty-eighth and Thirtieth streets, Ohio boulevard to Poplar street, the school will have an exterior of stone and brick combination.

Interior walls will be of masonry not plastered, but all ceilings will have acoustical plaster.

## St. Ann Structure.

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